



many trials to  
~~many~~ to which still  
presents difficulties & obstacles  
whose nature & extent we  
as yet can but imperfectly  
appreciate —

War has been with-  
out considered a necessary  
evil <sup>by</sup> those who most  
disliked the spirit — ~~and~~

~~Many have~~ — It has been  
so long & so intimately  
associated with all that  
is imposing <sup>& splendid</sup> in our  
civilization ~~that it is~~

So early & assiduously have  
we been taught to believe  
<sup>that courage is necessary</sup>  
that courage is the true  
treasure of a  
people — & that ~~courage~~  
~~consisted in the~~  
~~ability~~ & so & that courage  
meant a ready appeal to  
the law of violence —  
it seems now an almost  
herculean task to set

ourselves to ~~claim~~ as our true  
and the same & wrong  
of by-gone centuries - what  
is truth - In vain we  
sought amid the relics of  
olden wisdom the value  
that came from the past  
~~seemed a vision of some~~  
we could hardly under-  
stand - its tones were  
warlike & told proudly  
of conquest & a  
of good effect of ~~the~~  
subdued - of every defend-  
er - it told of fame &  
honour & glory -

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